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SUBJ: VISIT TO DENMARK BY EAST GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER

SUMMARY: WILLIAM FRIIS-MOLLER, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF
EASTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS AT THE MFA, BRIEFED POLCOUNS

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ON THE SCHEDULED JUNE 23-26 VISIT BY GDR FOREIGN MINISTER

OSCAR FISCHER. THE DANES REGARD THE VISIT - THE FIRST TO DENMARK BY AN EAST GERMAN OFFICIAL AT THIS LEVEL - AS PURELY SYMBOLIC AND EXPECT NO SUBSTANTIVE RESULTS. END SUMMARY.

1. FRIIS-MOLLER COMMENTED THAT, IN SPITE OF THE PREDICTABLE LACK OF ANY MEANINGFUL OUTCOME, THE EASTERN EUROPEANS APPEAR TO VALUE SUCH SYMBOLIC VISITS. THEY DEMONSTRATE TO THE PEOPLE OF THOSE COUNTRIES THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS ARE FULLY RECOGNIZED AND "LEGITIMATE" MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. ONE OF THE ATTRIBUTES OF SUCH LEGITIMACY IS THAT VISITS ARE EXCHANGED WITH NON-COMMUNIST STATES.

2. WHILE HERE, FISCHER WILL CONSULT WITH HIS DANISH COUNTERPART, K. B. ANDERSEN, AND THE DANISH FOREIGN ECONOMICS MINISTER, IVAR NORGAAARD. COINCIDENTALLY, NORGAAARD IS VISITING BERLIN THIS WEEK, PRIMARILY TO DISCUSS WAYS OF LEVELING OFF THE BILATERAL TRADE BALANCE WHICH IS PRESENTLY HEAVILY IN THE EAST GERMAN FAVOR. FISCHER WILL ALSO MAKE PURELY CEREMONIAL CALLS ON PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN AND, IF SHE IS HERE, THE QUEEN.

3. THE DANES ANTICIPATE DISCUSSIONS ON CSCE, MBFR, EAST-WEST DETENTE, AND THE STATUS OF BERLIN WITH NO SURPRISES EXPECTED. (FRIIS-MOLLER DOUBTED THAT THE PUTATIVE "BERLIN LANGUAGE", WHICH MAY FIND ITS WAY INTO THE FINAL CSCE DOCUMENTS, WILL BE MENTIONED).

4. FRIIS-MOLLER TRACED THE ANTECEDENTS OF THE PRESENT VISIT TO SHORTLY AFTER THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WHEN THE EAST GERMANS INVITED THE THEN DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER TO VISIT THEM. THE DANES REJOINED THAT, AS THE "OLDER COUNTRY, THE GERMANS SHOULD VISIT COPENHAGEN FIRST AND EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO FISCHER'S PREDECESSOR MORE THAN A YEAR AGO. BECAUSE OF HIS SUBSEQUENT ILLNESS AND RESIGNATION, THE VISIT NEVER TOOK PLACE AND DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KURT NIER CAME INSTEAD LAST FALL. THE DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER WILL UNDOUBTEDLY RETURN THE VISIT DURING THE NEXT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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